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National Health Insurance

INSURANCE ACTS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE MAY MEETING

A meeting of the Insurance Acts Committee was held at the House of the British Medical Association on May 14th, with Dr. H. C. Jonas in the chair ; there was almost a complete attendance.

The members stood in silence as a token of regret at the passing of Dr. H. J. Cardale, who, the chairman said, had served on the committee since 1922 as one of the direct representatives of the London Panel Committee, and had also held the chairmanship of the Annual Conference. Dr. Cardale, he added, had carried out a great amount of work on the London Panel Committee and on the Medical Service Subcommittee of the London Insurance Committee, work which had been of great value to the insurance service generally. The members regretted the loss of a friend of long standing.

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

The minutes of a subcommittee which has been considering, under the chairmanship of Dr. Jonas, the convalescent home aspect of the temporary resident question, and also the question of medical benefit for insured members of staffs of local authority institutions were laid before the committee. It was reported that as the result of a questionary issued to all Panel Committees in Great Britain seventy areas had stated that there were no convalescent homes within their boundaries. The memorandum which the committee issued in 1934 pointing out that on average the amount paid out of local practitioners' funds in respect of convalescent home residents was greater than the amount passed on to those funds from the Central Practitioners' Fund had had the result in only a few areas of altering the distribution scheme in this respect. Again, in only a few areas the distribution schemes appeared to have been amended in accordance with the suggestion made in the memorandum that credits should only be given for convalescent home temporary residents who received treatment, not including examinations for any purpose of the home.

Following on this report the committee agreed to recommend to the Panel Conference that no distribution scheme should contain any provision permitting in respect of the treatment of temporary residents a higher payment out of the practitioners' fund for the area than was received by that local fund from the central fund.

The subcommittee also expressed the opinion that the practice of claiming temporary resident credits for every inmate of a convalescent home by signing the medical card on the insured person's arrival could be prevented by the adoption of either a uniform payment for treatment given to both ordinary and convalescent home temporary residents, provided treatment was given only where necessary, or of a payment in respect of treatment given to a convalescent home temporary resident of a considerably smaller amount than that paid for an ordinary temporary resident. The subcommittee favoured the second method, which was already in operation in a certain limited field, provided the recommendation just agreed to became effective in all areas. It was pointed out that that recommendation would not reduce the number of persons claimed for as convalescent home temporary residents (the cost for whom would be defrayed from the practitioners' pool of their own area), but it would mean that eight convalescent home temporary residents would, in terms of cash, represent one ordinary temporary resident.

INSURED MEMBERS OF STAFFS OF LOCAL AUTHORITY INSTITUTIONS

The question which aroused most discussion was on the other matter in this subcommittee's reference—namely, the medical benefit of insured members of staffs of local authority hospitals and institutions. An endeavour had been made to elicit information as to the methods adopted

in various areas. It was stated that so far as institutions of the London County Council in the county area were concerned resident insured employees were encouraged, but not compelled, to place their names on the list of the principal medical officer of the hospitals division to which they were attached. In forty-seven of the areas which have replied to the inquiry the resident staffs obtain their medical benefit by the method of normal free choice ; in two by individual " own arrangements " ; in eighteen by collective " own arrangements " ; and in thirty-four by choosing a whole-time salaried medical officer of the authority on the medical list for the area, or by some variation of that method. In twenty-six other areas the staff may obtain their medical benefit by this method, but are not specifically required to do so.

In the course of discussion on this subject the view was urged that nobody was satisfied with the prevailing conditions, neither the patients nor the medical officers themselves. The latter did not receive remuneration. At the same time the fact could not be ignored that nurses and servants living in hospitals had to be treated by the medical staff. It was impracticable for every nurse to call in her private doctor to see her. The medical officer who did the work should certainly have his name on the list, so that there was someone responsible for treatment and for making the necessary records and returns, and there seemed no equitable reason why the fee should not pass either to the doctor or to the institution, by arrangement between the staff and the authority. A point to bear in mind, of course, was the tendency to get rid of a sick member of the staff as soon as possible, as it was necessary to have able-bodied people to carry on the work ; with the consequence that the sick person was sent home and became a temporary resident.

Dr. Gregg, the representative for London, the area most particularly affected, urged that the committee should not come to an immediate decision, but in view of the variety of interests affected should permit the existing condition of things to continue for a further six months, to give time for reasonable consideration and decision. The committee decided that the matter required further consideration, and referred it to an enlarged subcommittee.

INSURANCE PRESCRIBING

The committee had before it an extract from a special report of the staffing, equipment, and pricing bureau subcommittee of the Lancashire Insurance Committee on the " supervision of insurance prescribing." This suggested that a substantial reduction in the cost of medicines supplied to insured persons in Lancashire would be likely to follow if a careful investigation were made into the practices of doctors who had qualified since the war, those whose medical lists were rapidly increasing, those whose practices were mortgaged, those who had partnership with lists exceeding 2,000, and those who practised in the Manchester area.

The question was asked in the committee whether, if prescribing was so very excessive in Lancashire, nothing could be done locally to reduce it. The existence of a definite body of excessive prescribing located to one area conveyed a certain reflection upon the local government of the profession. Some discussion took place on special conditions prevailing in Lancashire, among them the notoriously high bronchitis rate among cotton operatives, but again some doubt was thrown upon the supposition that the bronchitis explained the steadily increasing cost of prescriptions. Ultimately it was agreed to take the matter up again locally, pointing out that the machinery available was not being used, and then, if the Lancashire Insurance Committee still thought that the Insurance Acts Committee could help, the matter would be brought back.

MORTGAGING OF MEDICAL PRACTICES

Dr. Dain, the chairman of the subcommittee which has been considering this subject, said that the subcommittee had considered one thing only—namely, what was best to arrange for those cases in which the practitioner required to borrow the whole of the money for the purchase of the practice. For people who were better off and were able to furnish some of the purchase money themselves another method would probably be recommended, but for the man who had no money the scheme which was outlined in full detail in the report of the subcommittee, a proposal of the United Dominions Trust, made on the understanding that it would apply only to loans negotiated through the British Medical Bureau, was, in the view of himself and those who had studied the question with him, the most economical. The very important consideration that the borrower should be left with a reasonably sufficient margin for personal and family expenditure after discharging his liabilities in respect of repayment and practice expenses had been continuously borne in mind. The repayment under the scheme proposed was carefully graduated, so that it would fall as lightly as possible during the earlier years while the practitioner was making his way, and it enabled him to attend to his personal insurance before he started on any real repayment. On the general question, the immediate difficulty arising out of a combination which was buying practices at fabulous prices had been eased, but he did not think that fact should prevent the committee from going on with its task and offering to the profession generally a very sound method of financing the purchase of practices.

The committee gave general approval to the scheme, which was laid in detail before it, and Dr. Dain and Dr. Jonas were authorized to conduct the necessary negotiations for the completion of details.

SCOTLAND

Dr. Fraser placed before the committee the minutes of the Insurance Acts Subcommittee for Scotland. One matter concerned the vaccination of workmen entering the Royal Navy torpedo factory at Greenock. The subcommittee had already expressed the opinion that this was a service outside the contract, and the Department of Health had been asked to make representations on the matter to the Admiralty. A letter had now been received from the Department, and the subcommittee took the view that the interpretation of the letter was such that under the circumstances set out a fee could be charged to the insured person. It had been resolved to circulate this expression of opinion to all Panel Committees in Scotland.

The secretary to the Edinburgh Crematorium had written that cremations were increasingly taking place among the insured class of the population, for whom the charges had been reduced, but the cost of medical certificates was said to be a serious item in the funeral expenses when cremation was arranged. This body suggested that if a lower fee of, say, 7s. 6d. for the completion of the required certificate form could be conceded it would be greatly appreciated by the relatives of the insured persons and would encourage the adoption of cremation. Dr. Fraser said that these medical certificates were of great importance in connexion with cremation, and while they did add a certain expense this was not a serious item, and in view of their essential character and the obligations involved the subcommittee was not prepared to take any action in the matter.

A report had been received that the sum to be made available to insurance practitioners in 1936 in respect of mileage in Scottish rural and semi-rural areas outside the Highlands and Islands would be the same as last year—namely, £42,500. On the subject of medical records no disapproval of the questionary for this year's clinical inquiry had been received from any Panel Committee. The responsibility of the subcommittee with regard to the question of medical records is to be considered at the next Scottish Panel Conference.

The report of the subcommittee was approved.

MEDICAL SERVICE INQUIRIES AND APPEALS

It was reported that the question had been raised with the Ministry as to the privacy of the hearing of appeals in medical service cases. The Ministry had replied that

there had always been a general understanding that appeal proceedings should not be open to the public. The admission of persons other than parties was within the discretion of the appeal tribunal, but it was not customary for a tribunal to exclude representatives of a Panel Committee from an oral hearing, especially in the absence of any objection thereto on the part of the respondent ; also in the absence of objection a tribunal might not have felt it necessary to exclude other spectators, but it must not be inferred that appeal hearings were open to the public as a matter of course.

The position of the secretary of the Panel Committee in the hearing of medical service cases was also discussed. It appeared that if such secretary was a solicitor he was debarred from assisting in the presentation of the practitioner's case at the hearing, but in his capacity as secretary he was entitled to be present as representing the general body of professional opinion. After a short discussion the practical outcome seemed to be that, as regards assisting the practitioner at a hearing, when the secretary of the Panel Committee was a solicitor some other member of the committee should act in his place, but there was no reason why a solicitor secretary should not assist the practitioner previous to the hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Treasurer (Mr. Bishop Harman) of the National Insurance Defence Trust presented the audited balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure for the year 1935, and also a statement of the financial position to date. He drew attention to increased payments in connexion with the retirement of aged and infirm practitioners from the service.

The agenda of the committee comprised thirty-eight items and extended to thirty pages, but much of the business was of the nature of report, and called for no action. The committee did not agree with the London Local Medical and Panel Committee in a given case that attendance at a dental haemorrhage was without the scope of the practitioner's contract. It approved action which had been taken in informing the Ministry that an addition to the second schedule of the regulations providing for an elastic adhesive plaster in combination with medicated gauze was acceptable. It decided against a Panel Committee which had recommended the inclusion of oro-nasal inhalers and eye shades in the second schedule. It received the minutes of the joint committee on the extension of medical benefit, and thanked Dr. Dain for his chairmanship.

Some question had been raised at a former meeting as to the inadvisability of a man who was suffering from certain diseases being visited by an approved society sick visitor who was a woman, and the Ministry of Health had replied that a society was free to arrange for visitation by visitors of either sex, and the Department had no authority to interfere, but in fact the sick visitors employed by approved societies were in general persons of experience in nursing or welfare work, and there was no reason to think that a suitable discretion would not be exercised. The committee decided to let the matter drop.

The committee had before it a request which had been sent by an approved society to an insurance practitioner for a copy of a new member's sickness record for the past five years, together with an authorization from the insured person concerned. It was pointed out that these records were the property of the Ministry, and that in any circumstances the practitioner could not part with them, nor with any copy of them, without the Ministry's approval.

The attention of the committee was drawn by a Panel Committee, and by more than one of its own members, to the lack of post-graduate facilities for other than strictly rural practitioners, and the committee agreed that this question should be considered when the possible revision of the capitation fee was discussed.

In spite of its heavy agenda the committee, which started at 11.30 a.m., concluded its business by 3.30 p.m.

British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

Library of the British Post-Graduate Medical School

In para. 68 of the Annual Report of Council published in the *Supplement* of April 25th reference was made to the set of the *British Medical Journal* and its predecessor the *Provincial Medical and Surgical Journal* which has been presented to the library of the British Post-Graduate Medical School. With the exception of one volume—namely, 1860—the set is now complete, but in spite of repeated efforts it has not been possible to obtain this volume. The Medical Secretary would be grateful for any indication as to a possible source from which it could be supplied. It is probable that the volume exists in some hospital library where it is no longer required, and the authorities of which would doubtless be pleased to present the volume to the Association. The Council takes this opportunity of acknowledging the courtesy of the House Committee of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital and of Dr. R. Liddon Meade-King of Taunton in supplying two missing volumes—namely, 1862 (i) and 1864 (ii).

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

ABERDEEN BRANCH: CITY OF ABERDEEN DIVISION

A meeting of the City of Aberdeen Division was held at Aberdeen on April 23rd, when Dr. H. ROSS SOUPER was in the chair and over sixty members and guests were present.

Professor T. M. TAYLOR gave an address on "Professional Confidence." Discussing the question of disclosing information obtained while acting in a professional capacity, Professor Taylor reminded his audience that a doctor had duties as a citizen as well as professional obligations. He discussed the inadvisability of professional secrecy being regarded as an absolute legal privilege, and gave several convincing reasons for this. He pointed out that the modern tendency was to free evidence from restriction. A keen discussion followed, in which Dr. ROSS SOUPER, Sir ASHLEY W. MACKINTOSH (who also expressed much appreciation of the address), Mr. F. K. SMITH, Dr. P. HOWIE, Dr. G. WILLIAMSON, Dr. E. R. C. WALKER, and Professor L. S. P. DAVIDSON took part. Several questions were asked, to which Professor TAYLOR replied.

Dr. WILLIAMSON proposed a vote of thanks to Professor Taylor for his interesting and instructive address. Members of the Division, he said, were exceedingly fortunate in having Professor Taylor to speak to them that night, and their special thanks were due to him for so readily agreeing to come during the first year of his professorship at the University.

ASSAM BRANCH

The annual general meeting of the Assam Branch was held at Shillong on March 4th, 5th, and 6th, when the president, Dr. G. FRASER, was in the chair. Dr. Fraser delivered his presidential address, and the following papers were read: by Lieut.-Colonel F. J. PALMER, "Pathogenicity of Metadysentery Bacilli," and "Vitamin Deficiencies in Tea-garden Practices" ; by Mr. D. T. SCOTT, "Malarial Control Measures by Vertical Drainage (Percolation Pits) on the New Dooars Tea Estate" ; by Dr. G. MACDONALD, "Some Comments on Malaria in Assam, with Special Reference to Cold Weather and Pre-monsoon Control" ; by Dr. J. S. BRADFORD, "Antimalarial Vaccine" ; by Major C. S. P. Hamilton, "Differential Blood Counts as an Aid to Diagnosis in a General Practice" ; by Dr. P. A. MAPLESTONE, "Pityriasis Rubra Benigna" ; by Lieut.-Colonel L. A. P. ANDERSON, "Some Landmarks in the Study of Rabies" ; by Dr. D. MANSON, "Velocity, Silt, and Larval Drift."

The statement of accounts, presented by Major HAMILTON, was unanimously approved, and a vote of thanks was recorded Mr. J. B. Mayo for acting as auditor.

The following officers were elected for **1936–7**:

President, Dr. W. F. Whaley. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. B. A. Lamprell. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. H. Gordon Roberts. Assam Valley Division: *Chairman*, Dr. Whaley. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Lamprell. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Macdonald. Surma Valley Division: *Chairman*, Major J. L. Donnelly, I.M.S. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. C. G. Terrell. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. G. C. Ramsay. Northern Bengal Division: *Chairman*, Dr. J. H. Arthur. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. C. C. Harrison. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. W. E. Shipsey.

The meeting agreed to certain alterations in the Branch rules, and it was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Jorhat. Other matters considered included the rendering of free medical assistance to neighbouring tea gardens or groups of gardens where, for economic reasons, the services of a European medical officer had been dispensed with; fees for medical reports for life insurances; counter-signature of vaccination certificates; and opium consumption.

Votes of thanks were accorded Lieut.-Colonel Anderson for a demonstration at Pasteur Institute; to Dr. Maplestone for coming from the Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and giving an address; to Dr. Nora Proctor-Sims for hospitality at the Gonesh Das Women's Hospital; and to Dr. Fraser for his work in the past year and during the annual meeting.

DERBYSHIRE BRANCH: BUXTON DIVISION

At a joint meeting of the Buxton Division and the High Peak Law Society, held at Buxton on March 26th under the chairmanship of Mr. SYDNEY TAYLOR, Dr. F. TEMPLE GREY gave a lecture on "Medicine and the Law."

Dr. Grey said that there was sometimes not the same close reasoning among doctors as among lawyers. The medical student had such an enormous amount of material to get through that he had little opportunity to train himself, or be trained, in the art of reasoning. Doctors rightly had a certain reputation for noticing things, but where they not infrequently went astray was in the inferences they drew. The whole art of diagnosis began and ended there. The lawyer, on the other hand, had his facts, so to speak, presented to him, and had more time to think upon them, to say nothing of the comparative absence of urgency as compared with medical work. Dr. Grey thought that a very useful course of instruction either to fifth-year men or to post-graduates would be the Rules of Evidence, so admirable in this country.

Dr. Grey then spoke of witnesses, as to fact and as to opinion. The average medical man had a dread of the witness-box, he said, and no wonder. If he were called only to testify as to the facts he would not mind, but the trouble was that even if he were not an expert he might be asked to give his opinion. He should be careful not to allow himself to be led into matters outside his knowledge, and should not hesitate to remind the court that he was not an expert. The expert was not necessarily an erudite person; he might be of only average ability, but he must have the knack of interpreting medicine to the courts. No less a person than the celebrated John Hunter found himself quite unable to do this. Although the lecturer himself had no complaint to make in these matters, for he loved the rough-and-tumble of the courts, he did feel that methods appropriate enough for examining a recalcitrant or untruthful witness were rather out of place in examining medical witnesses, who were in his experience, except in the rarest cases, only untruthful (in the scientific sense) where they were ignorant, and everyone was ignorant about something, if not of many things. Dr. Grey pleaded, therefore, for a more sympathetic handling of medical witnesses by counsel. How would they, he asked, like to give an opinion in the witness-box and be jumped on if they seemed hesitating in their reply?

The lecturer thought there was much to be said for the French system, where the court told off two experts and, in case of disagreement, a third, to advise the court. Consultation between the medical men called by (he did not say "on" advisedly) either side would save much litigation. Lawyers, unfortunately, had some difficulty in understanding, or should he say in believing, that impartiality was what the doctor aimed at? Medical advocates had been found, and he supposed were to be found, but these had the respect neither of the lawyer nor of the doctor. Legal textbooks were in general better compilations than medical ones, for the lawyer always insisted on chapter and verse for any assertion. Would that the doctor did the same. Neither, however, was evidence, and if a textbook by a living author was quoted against a doctor the author should be called in order that he might be cross-examined.

On the question of so-called medical privilege, Dr. Grey reminded his audience of the words of the Hippocratic Oath, which required that whatever a medical man saw or heard in his practice "that ought not to be divulged" should not be divulged. The qualification "that ought not to be divulged" was important, and clearly did not apply to the ruling of a judge. If instead of complaining about this doctors lost no other opportunity of holding their tongues it would be as well. It was required of medical as of other professional men that they should not gossip, but when the public interest required it—and it was for the judge to decide this—they must yield with as good grace as possible. In conclusion, Dr. Grey deprecated the tendency to abuse the various aids to diagnosis as being inimical to the proper processes of reasoning, placing the doctor at times in a position where he could not see the wood for the trees.

The CHAIRMAN, in thanking Dr. Grey for his address, said that he agreed that the science of logic was not studied as it might be. Several members took part in the discussion which followed. The thanks of the meeting were conveyed to Dr. Grey by the chairman of the Division, Dr. J. A. HENDRY, and by the president of the High Peak Law Society, Mr. HINMERS.

ESSEX BRANCH: MID-ESSEX DIVISION

At an open meeting of the Mid-Essex Division, held at Chelmsford on April 25th, Dr. C. W. ALFORD began a discussion on the clinical and epidemiological changes in scarlet fever with an account of the disease and its related conditions as known to him during the past forty years. Dr. A. M. N. PRINGLE presented the medical officer of health's point of view, while Messrs. R. W. REID, H. A. H. HARRIS, and M. D. SHEPPARD dealt with surgical risks and the precautionary measures to be adopted. Dr. S. G. CORNER and Mr. G. G. PENMAN spoke on control preparatory to operation and on the sequelae of scarlet fever in eye work. Dr. J. L. MILLER WOOD described the 1935 outbreak in Chelmsford, and Dr. J. C. SLEIGH the recent arrangements made in the area whereby all cases of proved streptococcal infection requiring hospital treatment may be admitted to the isolation hospital. He also outlined the possible hospital development in the area, with a larger isolation hospital having a resident medical officer and a visiting staff, a general voluntary hospital, and the proposed county hospital. Dr. F. E. CAMPS dealt with the pathological side of the investigations.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION

A meeting of the Barnet Division, which was preceded by a dinner, was held at Hadley Wood Golf Club on April 21st, when Dr. B. H. STEWART was in the chair. Dr. G. C. ANDERSON (Medical Secretary) gave an address in which he reviewed the work of the British Medical Association, particularly the Association's activities of the past six months. There was a good discussion arising out of Dr. Anderson's remarks.

KENT BRANCH: MAIDSTONE DIVISION

At the annual meeting of the Maidstone Division, held at the Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone, on April 16th, with Dr. M. HALLAM in the chair, Dr. W. J. O'DONOVAN delivered an interesting lecture on "The Influence of Trade and Fashion on Dermatology." Dr. O'Donovan pointed out that skin diseases were now regarded as pattern reactions rather than actual entities. He described a number of cosmetics in common use, and showed a series of photographs illustrating the disastrous results that sometimes followed their application. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. O'Donovan for his address, which was enthusiastically received. Votes of thanks were also accorded the board of management of the hospital for the use of a room, and the matron for the provision of refreshments.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION

At a meeting of the Rochdale Division, held at Rochdale Infirmary on April 17th, with Mr. J. C. JEFFERSON in the chair, Dr. E. MARIANNE PEACH (Manchester) gave a lecture on "Some Basic Principles in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Skin Diseases." Dr. Peach first dealt with the various methods of investigation which should be employed when making a decision concerning a skin lesion. The treatment of the more common skin disorders was discussed, and Dr. Peach distributed copies of prescriptions which she considered of most value in the routine treatment.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, and Dr. E. C. HEAP seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to Dr. Peach for a most practical and valuable lecture.

LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH: SCUNTHORPE DIVISION

The annual meeting of the Scunthorpe Division was held at Scunthorpe on April 23rd, when two resolutions regarding domiciliary attendance were unanimously adopted.

The following officers were elected:

Chairman and Honorary Secretary, Dr. F. J. O. King. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. R. F. Eminson.

Drs. F. P. H. BIRTWHISTLE, W. S. FRITH, and J. H. BELLAMY referred to the impending departure of Dr. J. H. Clarke from Scunthorpe to take up an appointment as medical officer of health to the county of Kesteven. A resolution was unanimously carried expressing high appreciation of Dr. Clarke's services as honorary secretary and treasurer of the Division since its inception in March, 1933, and wishing him every success for the future. Dr. CLARKE thanked the meeting for the kind remarks and good wishes, and referred to the advantages which an active Division conferred upon the medical profession in an area such as Scunthorpe.

Dr. BIRTWHISTLE gave an interesting account of the world tour, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for his address.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION

At a general meeting of the Stratford Division, held at Ilford on April 21st, Mr. F. MUECKE gave a lecture on "Quick Helps in Ear, Nose, and Throat Conditions." Mr. Muecke was severely critical of nasal douching, paracentesis, turbinectomy, and sprays containing ephedrine. He emphasized that conservative methods should be adopted in acute sinusitis. Mr. Muecke's practical address was greatly appreciated by an enthusiastic audience.

A recommendation of the Executive Committee that a letter be sent to all local authorities in the area to inquire if they would be prepared to appoint representatives to a conference to discuss the memorandum issued by headquarters on public education in health matters was approved by a majority.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION

A meeting of the Willesden Division was held on March 18th, when a number of films of medical interest were shown by courtesy of Messrs. Bayer Products, Ltd. At the conclusion of the programme a vote of thanks to the firm was proposed by Dr. A. N. MATHIAS and seconded by Dr. G. J. FREEMAN-HEAL.

A further meeting of the Division was held at Paddington Green Children's Hospital on April 29th, when Dr. T. PEARSE-WILLIAMS demonstrated a series of selected cases of complications and severe illnesses occurring in general practice. The demonstration was most instructive and was much appreciated by the members, and on the motion of Dr. W. WOODLEY STOCKER, seconded by Dr. J. WALKER BRASH, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Pearse-Williams.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH

A clinical meeting of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch was held at Shrewsbury on April 24th, when Dr. JOHN ADAMS was in the chair and fifty-two members were present. Sir HAROLD GILLIES gave a lecture on "Some Principles of Plastic Surgery." He showed two cases, and then demonstrated a series of films and slides illustrating the development of the specialty. On the motion of Mr. A. D. HAYDON a vote of thanks was accorded Sir Harold Gillies for his address, and this was carried with enthusiasm.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST WALES DIVISION

A meeting of the South-West Wales Division was held at Carmarthen on April 22nd, when Mr. DUNCAN C. L. FITZWILLIAMS delivered a British Medical Association Lecture on "The Present Position of Radium Therapy."

Mr. Fitzwilliams opened by mentioning that he proposed to include consideration of the cancer problem in its broader aspect. He dealt with the difficulty of defining cancer, and said that no better designation was possible than that it was a disordered form of life. In connexion with the investigation of the aetiology of cancer, Mr. Fitzwilliams expressed his dissatisfaction with the monopoly of the resources for research by the laboratories, and he outlined a scheme in which practitioners would co-operate with cancer centres, the expenses of which would be borne by the State. Hospitals devoted completely to cancer treatment would be necessary, he continued, and in his opinion this scheme would do a great deal to throw light upon such factors as immunity, influence of age, and the connexion between the rapidly increasing incidence of cancer and modern civilization. With regard to the methods of dealing with the disease, Mr. Fitzwilliams said that the knife, radium, and x rays all had their limitations as well as their spheres of special usefulness, but all were ineffective once the floating cell stage was reached. Early diagnosis was imperative, and education of the public was very necessary to assist in this.

Mr. Fitzwilliams's lecture was abundantly interspersed with personal experiences, which were most interesting. On the motion of Dr. ABRAHAM THOMAS, seconded by Dr. T. R. DAVIES, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his address.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION

A meeting of the South Suffolk Division was held at East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital on March 27th, when Dr. K. J. T. KEER was in the chair. Dr. D. W. Ryder Richardson and the chairman were unanimously elected to serve on the joint committee of the East Suffolk County Council and the British Medical Association for the administration of medical domiciliary out-relief (free choice).

Sir CHARLES SHERRINGTON gave an interesting and entertaining lecture entitled "A Brief Account of Ramon y Cajal: The Man and His Work." On the motion of Dr. STADDON, seconded by Dr. E. BIDDLE, a vote of thanks was accorded Sir Charles Sherrington for his address.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY

The following books were added to the Library of the British Medical Association during April, 1936:

Abramson, H. A.: Electrokinetic Phenomena. 1934.
Anderson, E. M.: Essentials of Light Treatment. 1935.
Anspach, B. M.: Gynecology. Fifth edition. 1934.
Aron, M., and Grassé, P.: Biologie Animale. 1935.
Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Disease. Vol. xiv, Biology of the Individual. 1934.
Bargen, J. A.: Management of Colitis. 1935.
Beer, E.: Tumours of the Urinary Bladder. 1935.
Broderick, F. W.: Principles of Dental Medicine. Second edition. 1936.
Browne, O.: Manual of Practical Obstetrics. 1936.
Cameron, A. T., and White, F. D.: Practical Biochemistry. Third edition. 1935.
Carrière, G., and Huriez, C.: Le Sang des Hypertendus. 1936.
Chamberdain, E. N.: Symptoms and Signs in Clinical Medicine. 1936.
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ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, OXFORD, 1936

PROCEEDINGS OF SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS

Motion by KINGSTON-ON-THAMES: That, with reference to para. 54 of Annual Report of Council, (1) owing to the very large space occupied in the *British Medical Journal* by the publication *in extenso* of the proceedings of the Scientific Sections at the Annual Meeting, it be left to the discretion of the Editor, or the Journal Committee, as to how fully these are published in future; and (2) that having regard to the probable curtailment of the reports of the Scientific Sections which this would entail, a special edition of the *Journal* should be devoted to the proceedings of Sections.

INFORMATION TO INSURANCE COMPANIES

Motion by HAMPSTEAD: That the recommendation in para. 80 of the Annual Report of Council be amended by the insertion of the words "not less than" before "10s. 6d."

Motion by MORPETH: That the recommendation in para. 80 of the Annual Report of Council be amended by the deletion of all words after the word "furnished."

OUT-PATIENT AND DISPENSARY PRACTICE OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

Motion by GLASGOW: That the wide expansion of the out-patient and dispensary practice of voluntary bodies and its rapid growth during recent years, without any associated effort being made to ascertain the proportion of persons seeking medical advice thereat who are already entitled to advice and treatment under the National Health Insurance Act or other statutory provision of a medical service, is prejudicial alike to the standard of medical efficiency in the districts in which they are operative and to the organization of the medical service therein. The Representative Body accordingly instructs the Council of the Association to request the local Divisions of large centres of population to inquire into and report on the volume and composition of the outdoor and dispensary services in their areas.

Naval, Military, and Air Force Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Commander J. W. Tighe has been placed on the retired list.

Surgeon Lieutenant C. Ommanney-Davis to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenants E. L. Littler to the *Pembroke*, for Royal Naval Barracks, May 21st, and to the *President*, for R.A.F. Medical Officers' course, May 25th; F. W. Gayford to the *Excellent*, June 1st, and to the *Victory*, for Royal Naval Barracks, June 20th; D. M. Beaton to the *Lucia*; W. J. F. Guild to the *Boscawen*, for Royal Naval Hospital, Portland, and for Dockyard.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders T. C. Larkworthy to the *Pembroke*, for Royal Naval Barracks; J. L. Cox to the *St. Angelo*, for Royal Naval Hospital, Malta,

Surgeon Lieutenants R. Cormack and M. Godwin to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders.

Surgeon Lieutenant D. R. Goodfellow to the *Victory*, for Royal Naval Barracks.

Probationary Surgeon Lieutenant D. R. Maitland to the *Caledon*, for training.

Surgeon Sublieutenants R. A. Stenhouse (probationary) and P. H. K. Gray to the *Victory*, for Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major E. H. W. Elkington retires, receiving a gratuity.

Captain F. Williams has resigned his short service commission.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Squadron Leader G. S. Strachan to Special Duty List, while in interchange duty with the Royal Australian Force.

Flight Lieutenants S. B. S. Smith to R.A.F. Station, Biggin Hill; T. D. L. Bolan to Medical Training Depot, Halton; V. D. A. Blackburn to No. 1 School of Technical Training (Apprentices), Halton.

Flying Officers A. P. Britton and A. J. S. Wilson to Medical Training Depot, Halton.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain J. Cook to be Major.

Lieutenant B. L. McQuillan to be Captain.

W. A. Bellamy to be Lieutenant.

Association Notices

TABLE OF OFFICIAL DATES

May 30: Publication in *B.M.J. Supplement* of result of election of Members of Council.
Nomination Papers available (on application at Head Office) for election of 11 Members of Council by grouped Representatives.

June 4: Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be received at Head Office by this date.

June 10: Council.

June 27: Publication of Supplementary Report of Council in *B.M.J. Supplement*.

July 6: Other items for inclusion in A.R.M. printed agenda must be received at Head Office by this date.

July 17: Annual Representative Meeting, Oxford.

July 18: Annual Representative Meeting, Oxford.

July 20: Annual Representative Meeting, Oxford.
Council, Oxford.

July 21: Annual Representative Meeting, Oxford.
Annual General Meeting, Oxford; President's Address.

July 22: Council, Oxford.
Conference of Honorary Secretaries; Over-seas Conference, Oxford.
Meetings of Sections, etc., Oxford.

July 23: Meetings of Sections, etc., Oxford.
Annual Dinner of the Association, Oxford.

July 24: Meetings of Sections, etc., Oxford.

G. C. ANDERSON,
Medical Secretary.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BATH, BRISTOL, AND SOMERSET BRANCH: WEST SOMERSET DIVISION.—At Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Tuesday, May 26th, 3.30 p.m. Consideration of (*a*) adoption of resolutions, and (*b*) Annual Report of Council.

BERKS, BUCKS, AND OXFORD BRANCH: OXFORD DIVISION.—At Radcliffe Infirmary, Wednesday, May 27th, 8.30 p.m. Clinical meeting.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: CUMBERLAND DIVISION.—At Cumberland and Westmorland Farm School, Newton Rigg, Penrith, Thursday, May 28th, 3.15 p.m., Annual general meeting; election of officers, etc. 3.50 p.m., Address by Mr. J. H. Faulder: "Improvement in the Quality and Marketing of Home-produced Foods."

CAMBRIDGE AND HUNTINGDON BRANCH: PETERBOROUGH DIVISION.—At Great Northern Hotel, Peterborough, Wednesday, May 27th, 2.45 p.m. Annual meeting; election of officers, etc. 3.15 p.m., Dr. Reginald Miller: "Rheumatism in Children."

DERBYSHIRE BRANCH: BUXTON DIVISION.—Thursday, May 28th, excursion to Messrs. Cadburys, Bournville.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—At Boscombe Hospital, Wednesday, May 27th, 8.15 p.m. Annual meeting.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—At University College Library, Dundee, Tuesday, May 26th, 4 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers; consideration of (*a*) adoption of resolutions, and (*b*) Annual Report of Council.

ESSEX BRANCH.—At Colchester, Thursday, June 18th, 2.30 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers. Address by Mr. R. Reid.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—At Imperial Hotel, Blackpool, Thursday, May 28th. 1.30 p.m., Lunch; 2.45 p.m., Annual meeting and picnic.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: PRESTON DIVISION.—At Public Assistance Committee's Offices, Overseers' Buildings, Lancaster Road, Preston, Monday, May 25th, 4.30 p.m. Annual general meeting. Election of officers; consideration of (*a*) adoption of resolutions, and (*b*) Annual Report of Council.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: ROCHDALE DIVISION.—At Manchester Golf Club Course, Hopwood Park, Tuesday, May 26th, from 10 a.m. Golf competition. Winner will hold the Division trophy, and will be eligible to compete in the final stage of the Treasurer's Cup competition at the Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association at Oxford in July.

LINCOLNSHIRE BRANCH: HOLLAND DIVISION.—At White Hart Hotel, Boston, Friday, May 29th, 8.30 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.—Thursday, May 28th, 3 p.m. Mixed foursomes at Chigwell. Followed by supper.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH: NORTH-EAST ULSTER DIVISION.—At Coleraine Cottage Hospital, Monday, May 25th, 4 p.m. Annual meeting. Election of officers, etc. Paper by Mr. Ian Fraser: "Injection Treatment of Varicose Veins."

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—At Wrekin Golf Club, Thursday, May 28th. Shropshire Challenge Bowl and Treasurer's Cup golf competitions. At Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, Tuesday, June 9th, 3.45 p.m. General meeting. Consideration of Annual Report of Council, etc.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—At South-Western Hotel, Southampton, Thursday, May 28th. 1 p.m., Council luncheon at the invitation of Dr. H. J. Bower; 2 p.m., Branch Council meeting; 3 p.m., Sixty-fourth annual meeting; 3.30 p.m., Address by in-coming president, Dr. Bower, "Heart Attacks"; 4.15 p.m., Tea at Civic Centre; 5 p.m., Cocktail party, by invitation of Dr. and Mrs. W. Stewart, at White Lodge, Bassett; 6.30 p.m., Sherry, by invitation of the chairman of the Southampton Division, Dr. A. S. Pern, and Mrs. Pern, at Blenheim Restaurant; 6.45 p.m., Informal Branch dinner at Blenheim Restaurant; 8 p.m., Visit to Grand Theatre. All functions, except the annual meeting, are open to members' ladies.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—Saturday, May 23rd, annual summer outing to Chichester Cathedral and Palace and St. Mary's Hospital.

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Diary of Central Meetings

MAY

22 Fri. Consultants and Specialists Group Committee, 2.15 p.m.
26 Tues. Naval and Military Committee, 2.30 p.m.

JUNE

3 Wed. Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
4 Thurs. Library Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
5 Fri. Journal Committee, 2.30 p.m.
10 Wed. **Council,** 10 a.m.
12 Fri. Scholarships and Grants Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
19 Fri. Science Committee, 2 p.m.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m. Croonian Lecture by Sir Bernard Spilsbury: Doctrine of Inflammation.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Odontology.—Mon., 8 p.m. Annual General Meeting at Royal College of Surgeons, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C. Election of Officers and Council for 1936–7. Sir Frank Colyer will show new specimens received in the Museum during the past year.

Section of Medicine.—Tues., 5 p.m. Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers and Council for 1936–7. Short Papers by Dr. Evelyn Holmes, Dr. W. D. W. Brooks, Dr. Lee Lander, and Dr. F. C. Roles.

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8.15 p.m. Laboratory Meeting at British Post-Graduate Medical School, Ducane Road, W. Demonstrations.

Section of Comparative Medicine.—Wed., 5 p.m. Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers and Council for 1936–7. Short Papers by E. J. Pullinger, H. P. Bayon, and J. P. Lockhart-Mummery.

Section of Urology.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting. Election of Officers and Council for 1936–7. Paper by Dr. S. Zuckerman: Endocrine Control of the Prostate.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, 9, Chesham Street, S.W.—*Fri.*, 5 p.m., Lecture on Air Raid Precautions.

HOSPITAL FOR EPILEPSY AND PARALYSIS, Maida Vale, W.—*Thurs.*, 3 p.m., Clinical Demonstration by Dr. Blake Pritchard.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 5, Lisle Street, W.C.—*Wed.*, 4.15 p.m., Clinical Cases and Annual General Meeting.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

BRITISH POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL SCHOOL, Ducane Road, W.—*Daily*, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Medical Clinics, Surgical Clinics or Operations, Obstetrical and Gynaecological Clinics or Operations. *Mon.*, 2.15 p.m., Dr. Duncan White, Radiological Demonstration; 3.30 p.m., Prof. W. Fletcher Shaw, Genital Prolapse. *Tues.*, 2 p.m., Prof. Kettle, Pathological Demonstration; 3 p.m., Dr. Vaughan, The Differential Red Cell Count. *Wed.*, 12 noon, Clinical and Pathological Conference (Medical); 2.30 p.m., Clinical and Pathological Conference (Surgical). *Thurs.*, 2.15 p.m., Dr. Chassar Moir, Operative Obstetrics; 2.30 p.m., Sir Henry Gauvain, Surgical Tuberculosis; 3 p.m., Dr. R. A. Young, Non-tuberculous Pulmonary Diseases. *Fri.*, 2.15 p.m., Dr. A. A. Davis, Gynaecological Pathology.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, 1, Wimpole Street, W.—*St. John's Hospital,* Lisle Street, W.C.: Afternoon Course in Dermatology. *Maudsley Hospital,* Denmark Hill, S.E.: Afternoon Course in Psychological Medicine. *St. Peter's Hospital,* Henrietta Street, W.C.: All-day Advanced Course in Urology. *Gordon Hospital,* Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W.: All-day Course in Proctology. *London Lock Hospital,* Dean Street, W.: All-day Course in Venereal Diseases.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—*Wed.*, 2 p.m., Clinical Lecture, Mr. A. Simpson-Smith, Appendicitis, Acute and Chronic; 3 p.m., Clinico-Pathological Lecture, Dr. Alan Moncrieff, Significance of Blood Passed per Rectum. Out-patient Clinics, mornings, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Ward Visits, afternoons, 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY AND RESEARCH, St. Mary's Hospital, W.—*Tues.*, 5 p.m., Prof. E. N. da C. Andrade, Artificial Radioactivity.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, 5, Lisle Street, W.C.—*Mon.*, 5 p.m., Dr. H. MacCormac, Treatment of Syphilis. *Tues.*, 5 p.m., Dr. H. W. Barber, Psoriasis. *Thurs.*, 5 p.m., Dr. A. M. H. Gray, Scleroderma and Allied Conditions. *Fri.*, 5 p.m., Dr. R. T. Brain, Physiotherapy.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, University Street, W.C.—*Thurs.*, 5.15 p.m., Prof. Charles Singer, Recent Light on the History of Some Tropical Diseases.

ABERDEEN MEDICAL SCHOOL.—At Aberdeen Royal Infirmary: *Tues.* and *Thurs.*, 3.15 p.m., Dr. A. Lyall, Obesity; Dietetics in (*a*) Obesity and (*b*) Diabetes.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—At Medical Faculty Buildings, Edmund Street: *Thurs.*, 4 p.m., William Withering Lecture by Prof. W. W. C. Topley, Other Mechanisms of Immunity.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Eye Infirmary, Charlotte Street: *Wed.*, 4.15 p.m., Dr. Pendleton White, Significance of a Hard Eyeball.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—*Thurs.*, 4.15 p.m., Dr. W. J. S. Reid, Mental Dissociation.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—*Tues.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. Geoffrey Jefferson, Observations on Intracranial Tumours. *Fri.*, 4.15 p.m., Mr. F. G. Wrigley, Demonstration of Ear and Throat Cases.

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SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY BOROUGH.—J.R.M.O. (male, unmarried) at Isolation Hospital and Sanatorium. Salary £200 p.a.

SOUTH AFRICA: KROONSTAD HOSPITAL BOARD.—Full-time Medical Superintendent at the Northern Free State General Hospital. Salary £1,000-£30-£1,150 p.a.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. Salary £150 p.a.

SUNDERLAND: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) H.S. (2) H.P. Males. Salaries £120 p.a. each.

TIVERTON AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—H.S. Salary £120 p.a.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Resident Assistant S. (unmarried). Salary £200 p.a.

WHITEHAVEN AND WEST CUMBERLAND HOSPITAL.—H.S. Salary £150 p.a.

WHITEHAVEN BOROUGH.—Assistant M.O.H. for Ennerdale Rural District. Salary £500-£25-£700 p.a.

WILTS COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County M.O.H. and Assistant School Medical Inspector (male). Salary £600-£25-£750 p.a.

WOLVERHAMPTON: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S. Unmarried. Salaries £125 p.a. and £100 p.a. respectively.

WORKSOP: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior Resident. (2) Junior Resident. Salaries £150 p.a. and £120 p.a. respectively.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment at Haddington (East Lothian) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, by June 2nd.

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APPOINTMENTS

CLARK, Thomas Lindsay, M.D., F.R.C.S., Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1925, for the Halifax County Court District (Circuit No. 12).

CURRIE, David W., M.D., F.R.C.S., Honorary Obstetric Surgeon, Leeds Maternity Hospital, and Honorary Gynaecological Surgeon, Hospital for Women, Leeds.

ELLIS, Richard W. B., M.A., M.D.Camb., M.R.C.P., Assistant Physician to Children's Department, Guy's Hospital.

HAMPSTEAD AND NORTH-WEST LONDON GENERAL HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—*Physician to Out-patients:* Michael Kremer, M.D. *House-Surgeon to one of the Surgical Units:* Norman W. Pryde, M.B., Ch.B. *Casualty Medical Officer:* D. W. Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

HOLMES, E., M.B., F.R.C.S., M.C.O.G., Honorary Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Lancaster Royal Infirmary.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—W. B. Ballenden, M.B., Ch.B. Birm., for the Pontesbury District (Salop); T. Morgan, L.M.S.S.A., for the Swanscombe District (Kent); D. C. Pim, D.S.O., M.D., for the Calvert District (Buckinghamshire); V. Wilkinson, M.C., F.R.C.S., for the Croydon District (Surrey).

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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DEATH

MITCHELL.—On May 4th, at Hoima, Uganda, Margaret, dearly beloved wife of James John Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B.

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